



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: March 10, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Paola Hurtado, Division Chief of Primary Care & Family Health
SUBJECT: Lompoc Valley Medical Center Memorandum of Understanding

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County Health Department (CHD) and Lompoc Valley Medical Center (LVMC) to facilitate Obstetrics (OB) patient referrals from CHD to LVMC for the period of March 10, 2026, through June 30, 2028;
- b) Approve and authorize the County Health Director to execute any future, no-cost amendments to this MOU between CHD and LVMC, in accordance with Section 7.b, upon review and approval by County Counsel's Office, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegation at any time;
- c) Approve and authorize the County Health Director to extend this MOU between CHD and LVMC for one additional, two-year term through June 30, 2030, in accordance with Section 5 of the MOU; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are the creation of governmental funding mechanisms or other governmental fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to

any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lompoc Valley Medical Center (LVMC) to facilitate OB service referrals from County Health (CHD) to LVMC. This MOU constitutes an in-kind exchange of administration services by each organization. Any patient billing or third-party billing is specified within the MOU as the responsibility of the respective organization.

Discussion:

CHD is seeking approval to authorize the Chair to execute a MOU with LVMC to facilitate obstetrics services referrals from CHD to LVMC.

According to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), health centers are required to provide a set of primary health care services described in statutes and regulations. Any service, whether required or additional, may be provided directly by the health center or through established (formal) arrangements as per Section 330(b)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act.

Through this MOU, CHD intends to facilitate OB services for CHD patients through a referral arrangement with LVMC.

Background:

CHD and LVMC have worked together for several years to provide medical services to uninsured and underinsured residents of Santa Barbara County. This partnership includes OB patients from CHD who have transitioned their care to LVMC for prenatal care and subsequent deliveries. Both organizations aim to clearly outline their mutual responsibilities for OB referrals to LVMC through this MOU.

Fiscal Analysis:

It is not anticipated that entering into this MOU will have a fiscal impact; however, CHD will continue to monitor and will return to the Board with a budget amendment if necessary.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two original MOUs between CHD and LMVC and retain one original MOU and one Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Lompoc Valley Medical Center Memorandum of Understanding

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